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**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE,
IT'S WHAT WE DO.**

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About

The Martini Masquerade is the signature fundraising event for Companions for Children and a vital part of the organization's ability to serve youth in Minot. On average, this single evening generates nearly 30 percent of the annual operating budget, providing critical support for six mentoring programs that reach children at multiple stages of their lives. This event ensures the continued strength, stability, and growth of Companions for Children, allowing the organization to meet current needs while expanding its impact for the future.

Companions for Children exists to ensure every child has someone in their corner, and the Martini Masquerade makes that possible. Each year, the event brings together businesses, community leaders, and supporters who believe in investing in kids and in the long-term health of the community. By supporting this fundraiser, partners are helping Companions for Children continue to grow, reach more children, and build a stronger future for Minot. The impact of one night extends far beyond the event itself, shaping the next generation and strengthening the community for years to come.



225
MATCHES

**WE ARE
PROVIDING 225
LOCAL CHILDREN
WITH MENTORS**

4,700
**MENTORING
HOURS**

**OUR MATCHES WILL
VOLUNTEER AN
ESTIMATED 4,700
HOURS TOGETHER
THIS YEAR**

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Our Programs

COMMUNITY BASED

Our “traditional” mentoring program connects dedicated volunteer mentors with mentees, ensuring a minimum commitment of four hours per month. Many mentors exceed this expectation, offering invaluable guidance by teaching new skills, exploring hobbies, and cultivating meaningful, lifelong friendships. These relationships empower mentees to achieve their personal and professional aspirations, providing a transformative experience that leaves a lasting impact.



STRONGHER

StrongHER is a group mentoring program designed for middle school girls. The program includes sessions held during the school day and features interactive workshops.



Led by local professionals and community leaders. Each session focuses on practical, relevant topics that support girls as they navigate the academic, social, and personal challenges of this stage in life. Through open conversation, real-world insight, and positive role models, StrongHER helps students build confidence, resilience, and skills they can carry with them well beyond the program.



LUNCH PALS

Our school-based mentoring program, Lunch Pals, connects adult mentors with students identified by the school who may benefit from additional social, emotional, or academic support, meeting every other week during lunchtime to build confidence, strengthen relationships, and create a sense of belonging, with Lunch Pals+ extending this same support to children with disabilities.



PEN PALS



Pen Pals pairs students with mentors for an enriching school-year experience, exchanging hand-written letters throughout the year. This program provides crucial support to children as they develop academic skills, self- confidence, and a positive self-concept.

Through consistent communication and encouragement, students gain motivation, feel valued and build stronger connections with their mentors. The result is impressive, with a 63% improvement in reading skills and a 69% boost in writing.



WORLD OF WORK

In the World of Work program, mentors are paired with high school students to explore potential careers and gain valuable insights through the mentor's real-world career experiences. Students participate in mock interviews, receive constructive feedback, have their resumes reviewed, and learn the essentials of personal branding. The program also provides internship opportunities to seniors, offering hands-on experience to help them transition smoothly into the workforce. This comprehensive approach equips students with the tools and confidence they need to succeed in their future careers.



SENIOR INTERNSHIPS

Senior Internships are a semester-long experience for high school seniors to explore careers through real-world workplace exposure. Students are matched with local professionals in their field of interest and spend 60 or more hours job shadowing and learning day-to-day operations. This hands-on experience builds practical skills, professional confidence, and clarity as students prepare for life after high school.





Ways to Support

MONETARY DONATION	SILENT AUCTION BASKET	"NO WORK" SILENT AUCTION BASKET	INDIVIDUAL SILENT AUCTION ITEM
<p>Supports consistent, high-quality mentoring by funding staffing, training, and program support so children have reliable mentors throughout the year.</p>	<p>A fully assembled basket allows your business to be represented exactly as you choose while supporting youth mentoring and driving bidding at the event.</p>	<p>With a \$200 or more contribution, this hands-off option lets you participate with ease. Companions for Children creates a professionally assembled, ready-to-display basket for you.</p>	<p>Individual items, such as gift certificates or single products, are welcome and may be featured on their own or incorporated into curated baskets, depending on the item.</p>





CONFIRM YOUR DONATION

To make a monetary donation or confirm your donation type, scan the QR code, **visit the donation link**, or simply reply directly to the fundraising committee member, board member, or Companions for Children staff member who shared this with you.



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